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FOR ST. ANDREW'S BALL being  
held on TUESDAY AFTERNOON  
NEXT, the PEAK CLUB DANCE is  
POSTPONED until WEDNESDAY, 13th  
inst., 6-7.30 p.m.  
Hongkong, November 11, 1907. 1798

## HONGKONG GYMNASIA CLUB.

A GENERAL MEETING of the above  
will be held at the Jockey Club  
Officers Club Annex on THURSDAY,  
the 14th inst., at 5.15.

REGINALD F. O. MASTER,  
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Hongkong, November 12, 1907. 1801

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THURSDAY, 14th November. Open  
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Hongkong, November 11, 1907. 1796

## NOTICE.

BY kind permission of Major Chitry and  
Officers, 119th Infantry (The Mooltan  
Regiment), the band of the regiment will play  
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Road Central, on THURSDAY, the 14th  
inst., during dinner.  
Hongkong, November 11, 1907. 1794

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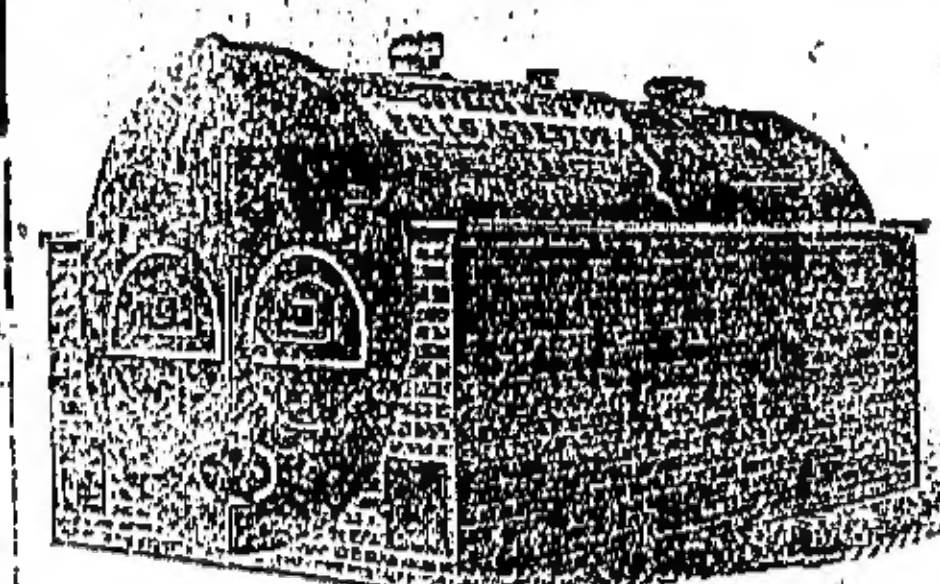
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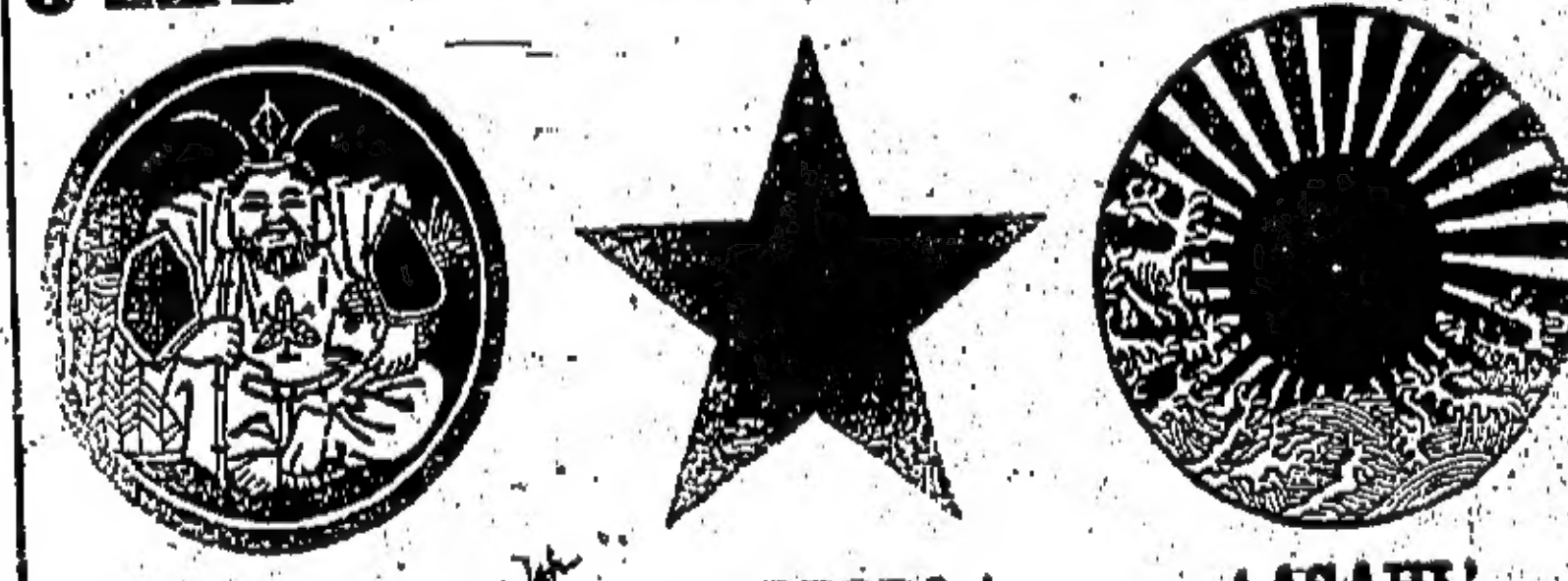
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ever devised by man. "M. de Paris," as  
the instrument is called, has claimed his last  
victim, unless the deputies should restore  
capital punishment in consequence of the  
agitation provoked by the reprieve granted  
to Solleiland. The riotings that occurred  
when it was known that this murderer's  
life was to be spared are an indication of  
the strength of public feeling in France on  
the subject. There is a large and influential  
section of the community in favour of the  
abolition of capital punishment; but so  
dreadful was Solleiland's crime that few of  
them would object to his execution. As  
for the people who do not oppose capital  
punishment, it may be said without ex-  
aggeration that in Paris they howl for his  
blood.

As the Solleiland affair is likely to  
become historical, its chief features may be  
briefly related. Solleiland is a married  
man, 39 years old, of decent birth and  
education, and the father of a child. He  
and his wife were on terms of intimacy  
with a family named Erbeling and, on  
January 31st last Mrs Solleiland was to take  
Martha Erbeling, aged 12, to a concert.  
But when the day came the woman was  
unable to leave her employment, and so  
Solleiland went in her stead. Although  
he was a man of notoriously bad character,  
the Erbelings were on such good terms  
with him that they had no hesitation in  
confiding Martha to his care. Solleiland  
returned alone after the performance,  
telling the parents of the little girl that  
she had left in the middle of the concert,  
promising to return, but had not done so.

A very little investigation showed that  
Solleiland had not taken the child to the  
concert at all, but that he had enticed her  
to his own home, where she was outraged  
and drugged to death. He had then cut the  
body up, and left it as a packet at a  
neighbouring railway station. It was six  
months before Solleiland was put on trial,  
and there was practically no defence. The  
plea of insanity was advanced, but was  
supported by no evidence, and an expert  
declared the monster sane. The jury made  
no recommendation to mercy, and Solleiland  
was sentenced to death, but was later on  
reprieved. So Solleiland can now look  
forward to a future of not excessive  
discomfort in New Caledonia, where he  
can earn money to support himself when,  
in twenty years or so, he is again a free  
man.

The Chambers may take action to force  
the President to annul the reprieve, and let  
the law take its course, for it is to be borne  
in mind that capital punishment is still  
upon the statute books of France. As a  
matter of fact, it is practically annulled by  
the President's strong antipathy to it.  
Whether he will be able to muster enough  
public support to convince or defy the  
Chambers in October remains a question.  
The outrages in Paris and Marseilles of  
gangs of young desperadoes known as  
"Apaches" have not created adherents to  
the anti-capital punishment movement, for  
there has been an ominous increase in their  
crimes ever since the threat of the guillotine  
has disappeared. It is well known, too, that  
murders are more frequent in countries  
where they are not punishable by death;  
and the "London Times" recalls the fact  
that garroting in England was only ended  
by the lash. So, too, armed burglars are  
the exception since judges have made the  
bearing of arms the more serious part of  
the crime.

Reverting again to "M. de Paris," it is  
interesting to recall that it has been used  
in France since early in the Revolution.  
It consists of an oblique-edged knife,  
heavily weighted, sliding easily between  
two upright grooved posts and descending  
on a block upon which rests the head of its  
victim. It severs the head instantly, and is  
practically painless. The guillotine takes  
its name from Dr. Joseph Ignace Guillotin,  
professor of anatomy, pathology and phy-  
siology in Paris, whose influence led to the  
establishment of the instrument in all  
cases of capital punishment in 1792. Before  
this time, the common felon had been  
hanged, and the more important victim  
had perished on the headsman's block by  
the axe or sword. After the guillotine  
had been adopted by the Government, the  
man who was asked to make the first  
machine demanded \$1,000 for the job, but  
eventually a German named Schmidt took  
the contract for 83 of them at about \$180  
each.

The first guillotine experiments were  
made in 1792 on three corpses at the  
Bicetre Hospital, and the test proving  
successful, condemned high convicts named  
Pelletier was decapitated a week later.  
The number of victims in the Reign of  
Terror and the publicity that attends  
executions in France have combined to  
spread the fame of the guillotine all over  
the world; while in France the same causes  
have created a strong sentiment for the  
abolition of capital punishment. For the  
success of this movement it is extremely  
unfortunate that it should have to fight  
the battle of a monster like Solleiland.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. C. JACK and family beg  
to return thanks for the many expressions  
of sympathy and condolence they have  
been recipients of in their bereavement.

Kowloon, 13th Nov., 1907.

## MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Auction.  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-  
ture, at No. 2, Glenelg Road.Meeting.  
6.15 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Gym-  
kana Club at Jockey Club Office.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per *Laiyang* undelivered after 4  
p.m. on this date will be landed.

## General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, November 16:—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-  
ture, &c., at Messrs Hughes & Brough's  
Sales Rooms.Goods per *Glenelg* not cleared on this  
date subject to rent.

## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1907.

## AWAKENING CHINA.

There are those who still refuse to admit

that China is really awakening. They

base their belief that the movement

towards new conditions, the existence of

which they cannot deny, is but transitory

on the fact that on previous occasions

China has professed a desire to pull

herself together but that when the move-

ment in that direction lost its initial

impetus reaction set in and things re-

verted to their former condition. Such

people hold that the present activity

among the Chinese is merely ephemeral

and that China will soon settle back into

the rut in which for so long she has

remained. For such time as the move-

ment towards reform was confined to

Peking we were ourselves inclined to

regard it as far from genuine. In their

own interest the Peking authorities were

compelled to profess an anxiety to

straighten out their affairs lest other

Powers should lose patience and take

over the task themselves. The sudden-

ness of Peking's conversion was, in

itself, suspicious. Now, however, a new

and a most momentous phase has been

entered upon. The Chinese people them-

selves insist that they should be allowed

to undertake the regeneration of their

country. Last evening we published a

telegram from our Shanghai correspond-

ent which, when considered in con-

junction with the active opposition

shown in other parts of the Empire to

concessions already granted to foreigners

being carried into effect, deserves the

gravest consideration. In passing it

may be observed that the fact that many

Chinese ladies were present at the meet-

ings at Shanghai marks a most in-

teresting phase of what may now be

properly termed the national movement.

As readers are aware the women of

China have hitherto been held to rank

among the husbands' goods and chattels.

They had absolutely no status and the

fact that it was a woman who exercised

away over the Empire was but one of

the queer contradictions which are

over to be found in China. The cur-

rent of new ideas which is passing

through the country has evidently un-

settled the time-honoured belief that a

woman's activities must be entirely

confined to her home and the time

may come when we shall read of

Chinese womanhood suffragists besieging

Parliament in Peking, or wherever

the Legislature is established. But this

be allowed to continue wagging the  
Chinese dog. If this is a correct inter-  
pretation of the trend of events we must

be on the eve of history-making happen-

ings. Provided that the transition from

old to new is peaceful we can regard the

future with equanimity. Time will

soften asperities and the Chinese will

learn that their ultimate welfare is

bound up in that of their neighbours.

On the other hand if it is to be revolu-

tion instead of evolution then stormy

times are ahead of all of us who have

interests in China. The future is on

the knees of the Gods and we can only

hope for the best.

It is not often that a British naval

officer is guilty of such a grave indis-

cretion as that committed by Sir Percy

Scott. In the navy discipline is every-

thing and for an officer of high standing

to transform an order sent by his

superior into a message which can only

be construed as a deliberate sneer at

the policy of His Majesty the King

would be inconceivable had it not un-

fortunately happened. What dictated such

a stupid and inexcusable act it is

impossible to say but the fact seems to

be established that Sir Percy Scott has,

in one moment of indiscretion, shown

his unfitness for a position which he

gained after splendidly meritorious

services. Britishers have not forgotten

the signal assistance his invention of

land carriages for naval guns rendered

during the Boer War to the land forces

and feel nothing but regret that a

brilliant career should be clouded when

at its zenith. We are proud of our

navy, its officers and men and above all

of its traditions. Consequently we feel

all the more humiliation when one of

our sea-chiefs so far forgets himself as

to deliberately insult his Sovereign and

his Sovereign's guest. Sir Percy Scott

finds himself in queer company. In an

English exchange we read:

In the second week in November a

special meeting of the unemployed is

to be held on Tower Hill as a protest

against the visit of the German Em-  
peror to this country. Handbills are  
to be printed and circulated through  
London, and Socialist organisations in  
the provinces are to be written to, so  
that it will be arranged that similar  
meetings may be held all over the  
country on the same day. "We want,"  
said Mr. Jack Williams, "the German  
Emperor to go back to his country with  
a message that the working-men of  
England are the most insulting in the  
world."

## LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

The Controller General of Customs

has sanctioned the expenditure of Tls.

200,000 for four cruisers for the West

River.

Eight special Chinese commissioners

have been nominated at Peking to go to all

the provinces and investigate the opium

question.

The demands made by the British

Minister in regard to the opposition mining

syndicate in Shansi have it is said been

ignored.

Viceroy Chang of Canton is urging

the appointment of General Liu Yang-fu,

the ex-Black Flag leader, to suppress the

rebels in Kwangtung.

It is reported that the revolutionaries

have their headquarters at the border of

Annan, and therefore the Grand Council

has wired to the Governor of Kwangsi,

Chang Ming-tse, to attend to the defence

of his province.

A certain Chinese Censor has again im-

pudged Tsen Chun-kuang to the Throne

charging him with having communicated

with revolutionaries. The Censor has been

ordered by the Throne to show the evidence

of the charge.

It has been decided that the Korean

Crown Prince will proceed to Japan to

THE TRUNK TRAGEDY.  
EXECUTION OF ADSETTS.

The final scene in the grim drama

known as "The Trunk Tragedy" was

acted this morning when William Hall

Adsetts, the convicted and self-confessed

murderer of the unfortunate woman, Ger-

trude Dayton, paid the extreme penalty

which the law provides for the taking of

another's life.

Since Adsetts has been in goal his

conduct has been quiet, and the rumours

as to his singing in the cell, attempting

suicide, etc., have been entirely disproved.

He has had the attendance of the Church

of England Chaplain (the Rev. Mr. Thomp-

son) and is said to have become thoroughly

penitent. On Tuesday evening he admit-

ted his guilt to the Superintendent of the

Goal (Mr. R. H. A. Craig) and remarked

upon the justice of his sentence. He has

eaten well, and when removed this morning

partook of breakfast before emerging from

his cell on his way to the scaffold. Last

night he was calm and even cheerful.

The Superintendent of the Goal, Mr. Thomp-

son, and several police officials were present

at the hanging, which was carried through-

out without fault.

Adsetts walked from his cell to the

scaffold unaided and seemed perfectly calm,

there being no traces of emotion apparent.

It was two minutes past five when the bolt

was drawn that was between Adsetts and

eternity and death followed immediately.

After allowing the body to be suspended

for some time it was cut down and Dr

Moore made a post mortem examination,

which showed death was due to fracture

and dislocation of the neck.

The body was then placed in the goal

mortuary where it was viewed by the

jurors who were summoned for the

inquiry held before Mr. F. A. Hazeldene,

at the Magistrate's this afternoon. The jurors were Messrs Charles

Arnold, F. O. H. Kellinghusen and H.

Rapp, and after the formal evidence of Mr

Craig and Dr. Moore had been given the

usual verdict of death by fracture and

dislocation of the neck in the due course

of law was brought in.

Thus ended the most exciting case which

has yet disturbed the community.

With regard to the confession which

Adsetts made the authorities have decided

not to make it public, despite the great

amount of interest which has been evinced

in this case from the time of the discovery

of the body in the trunk. It is said that

the confession shows that Adsetts lived a

life of debauchery and for this reason it

is being withheld from the public, the

authorities holding that no useful purpose

could be served by its publication.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The King of Siam and suite travel back

from Europe by the German steamer

Sachsen.

Colonel and Mrs. A. E. Aiken and Mr

and Mrs. J. Dalsiel are passengers by the

Armand Behie.

On completing her commission as flag-

ship of the China Squadron, the cruiser

King Alfred will return home.

Count Komura, the Japanese Ambas-

sador, called at the Foreign Office on

4th inst. to see the Permanent Under-















